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DURING AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON NEW PRIME MINISTER VASCO GONCALVES JULY 19, FOREIGN MINISTER MARIO SOARES DESCRIBED BRAZILIAN RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU AS UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT. SOARES WAS ANNOYED BOTH AT GACT GOB HAD NOT CONSULTED WITH GOP PRIOR TO TAKING STEP AND THAT GOB RECOGNITION AT PRESENT STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS COULD NOT HELP AND MIGHT BE HARMFUL. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION, SOARES EXPRESSED OPINION THAT MOVE RELATED TO BRAZIL'S DESIRE TO IMPROVE, IN RATHER OPPORTUNISTIC FASHION, ITS RELATIONS WITH BLACK AFRICA. PRIMIN GONCALVES CUT IN AT THIS POINT TO ADVANCE HIS THEORY THAT "PRESENCE OF THOSE TWO GENTELMEN" MAY HAVE INFLUENCED BRAZILIAN DECISION. GONCALVES SEEMED TO BE IMPLYING THAT,
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BEING HOST TO EXILES THOMAZ AND CAETANO, BRAZIL DID

NOT WANT TO BE LAST COUNTRY TO RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU
AND THEREBY GAIN REPUTATION OF SUPPORTER OF PORTUGUESE
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